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1. SUMMARY: DURING THEIR FOUR DAY VISIT TO WASHINGTON, CISL LEADERS HAD A FRIENDLY RECEPTION AND HIGH LEVEL TALKS WITH THE AFL-CIO AND UAW AS WELL AS WITH STATE AND LABOR DEPARTMENTS. AFTER A FRANK AND DETAILED EXCHANGE OF POINTS OF VIEW, CISL AND AFL-CIO SIGNED A JOINT STATEMENT AND AGREED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS IN THE FUTURE. HOWEVER, THERE WAS LITTLE, IF ANY, AGREEMENT ON MAJOR POLITICAL ISSUES. CISL INVITED AFL-CIO LEADERS TO VISIT ITALY POSSIBLY LATER THIS YEAR. THE UAW FOCUSED ON THE ISSUE OF ITALIAN METALWORKERS  
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UNIONS DISAFFILIATION FROM THE INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDERATION (IMF) AND ENCOURAGED CISL TO USE ITS INFLUENCE TO BRING ABOUT THE RETURN OF THE ITALIANS TO THE IMF. CISL VISITORS' ATTITUDES IN WASHINGTON TALKS REFLECTED THEIR VIEWS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY BY THE EMBASSY EXCEPT THEY DOWNPLAYED CISL - CGIL DIFFERENCES. THEIR MAIN CONCERNS IN THEIR TALKS WITH THE DEPARTMENT INCLUDED THE ROLE THE U.S.

CAN PLAY IN THE CURRENT ITALIAN AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CRISIS, U.S. VIEWS ON THE ITALIAN SITUATION, INTERNATIONAL CONNECTIONS OF ITALIAN TERRORISTS AND U.S. REACTIONS TO PCI LEADER NAPOLITAN'S VISIT TO THE U.S. RAI NEWSPAPER-MAN GIORDANO, A MEMBER OF THE PCI, DID NOT ACCOMPANY THE CISL DELEGATION TO ANY TRADE UNION VISITS BUT DID INTERVIEW PIERRE CARNITI, CISL DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL AT THE AFL-CIO ON THE LAST DAY OF THIS VISIT. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING THEIR FOUR DAYS OF TALKS, THE CISL AND THE AFL-CIO ISSUED THE FOLLOWING JOINT STATEMENT:

"THE CISL AND THE AFL-CIO HAVE UNDERTAKEN FOUR DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, UNEMPLOYMENT, PARTICULARLY IN THE YOUTH SECTOR, THE PROBLEMS CREATED BY THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS, OUR CONCERN FOR TRADE UNION FREEDOM AND HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, THE SITUATION WITHIN THE INTERNATIONAL LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO) AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU).

IT WAS AGREED THAT THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS WILL CONTINUE THESE DISCUSSIONS IN THE FUTURE, AND CISL HAS INVITED THE AFL-CIO TO SEND A DELEGATION TO ITALY IN THE FUTURE.

THE AFL-CIO HAS EXHIBITED ITS DEEP CONCERN FOR THE SAFETY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF ALDO MORO, AND EXPRESSED ITS SYMPATHY TO HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COUNTRYMEN IN THIS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT PERIOD FOR FREEDOM AND DEMOCRACY IN ITALY. END QUOTE.

COMMENTING ON THIS VISIT, AFL-CIO REPRESENTATIVES SAID THERE WERE GOOD DISCUSSIONS IN A SERIES OF MEETINGS, LUNCHEES AND DINNERS BUT LITTLE AGREEMENT ON SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. SO FAR, A DEFINITE DATE HAS NOT BEEN SET FOR A RETURN VISIT OF AFL-CIO LEADERS TO ITALY. THE CISL DELEGATION RECEIVED AN UNUSUALLY HOSPITABLE RECEPTION WITH AFL-CIO PRESIDENT MEANY SPENDING CONSIDERABLE TIME WITH THEM FOR DETAILED DISCUSSIONS AND HOSTING A LUNCH. THIS VISIT OCCURRED DURING A NATIONAL MEETING OF AFL-CIO BUILDING TRADES LEADERS AND THE CISL LEADERS WERE INVITED TO A DINNER WITH THIS GROUP. FRED J. KROLL, PRESIDENT AND JACK OTERO, VICE PRESIDENT OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF RAILROAD, AIRLINE AND STEAMSHIP CLERKS, FREIGHT HANDLERS, EXPRESS AND STATION EMPLOYEES (BRAC) ALSO HOSTED A DINNER.

3. UAW: CISL LEADERS REPEATED CONCERNS ABOUT UNEMPLOYED ITALIAN YOUTH AND EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN THE MEZZOGIORNO AREA, U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE ILO AND THE NEED FOR THE

AFL-CIO TO RETURN TO THE ICFTU. RECOGNIZING THE NEUTRALIZING EFFECTS OF THE COMMUNIST UNIONS' ROLE IN ITALY, EC AND ETUC ON INTERNATIONAL FREE TRADE UNION COOPERATION, UAW PRESIDENT DOUGLAS FRASER AND OTHERS PRESENT AT MEETING SUPPORTED CONTINUING DIALOGUE AND EXCHANGE OF VISITS BUT NOT SIMPLY TO REPEAT PRESENT STEREOTYPED POSITIONS. RATHER, UAW LEADERS INDICATED A DESIRE TO DISCUSS THE QUID PRO QUO ON THE EUROPEAN SIDE FOR US PARTICIPATION. FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT IS EUROPEAN STRATEGY ON ILO REFORM? WHAT ARE THE EUROPEANS DOING TO RETURN THE ILO TO ITS PROPER FUNCTIONS? WHEN ARE ITALIAN METAL WORKERS RETURNING TO INTERNATIONAL METALWORKERS FEDERATION? WHAT ROLE CAN WESTERN EUROPEAN AND U.S. TRADE UNIONS PLAY IN THE OECD WHERE WESTERN COOPERATION ON KEY INTERNATIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ISSUES SUCH AS UNEMPLOYMENT AND MULTINATIONALS IS DEVELOPED?

4. LABOR DEPARTMENT: DURING TALKS WITH HOWARD SAMUEL, DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY ILAB, AND WILLIAM HEWITT, ADMINISTRATOR OFFICE OF POLICY EVALUATION AND RESEARCH, EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION, MACARIO AND DELEGATION EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN HOW THE U.S. IS COMBATTING UNEMPLOYMENT, ESPECIALLY YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT. HEWITT PROVIDED AN OVERVIEW OF U.S. EFFORTS, AND THE CISL GROUP SEEMED IMPRESSED. HOWEVER, THEY LATER REFLECTED PESSIMISM DURING THEIR VISIT TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT ABOUT THE ITALIAN GOVERNMENT'S ABILITY TO MOUNT A SIMILAR OR EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE PROGRAM ON REDUCING YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT. SAMUEL ALSO TALKED ABOUT GATT NEGOTIATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL FAIR LABOR STANDARDS. ON THE ILO ISSUE, MACARIO REPEATED PAST VIEWS ON THE ILO BUT THE DISCUSSION SHOWED THEY DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN STRATEGY OR SPECIFIC IDEAS FOR INFLUENCING ILO REFORM OR DEVELOPMENTS.

5. DEPARTMENT: IN THE MEETING WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY BARBOUR AND OTHER EUR OFFICERS, MACARIO INDICATED HIS DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE RECENT VISIT OF U.S. INDUSTRIALISTS TO ITALY HAD NOT RESULTED IN SIGNIFICANT NEW INVESTMENT IN ITALY. HE ASKED FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THE U.S. GOVERNMENT ROLE. BARBOUR REPLIED THAT ALTHOUGH THE U.S. CONTINUES TO ENCOURAGE INVESTMENT IN ITALY AND ITALY HAS A HIGH PRIORITY FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT POINT OF VIEW, U.S. BUSINESS INVESTMENT DECISIONS ARE BASED MAINLY ON PRIVATE ECONOMIC CONSIDERATIONS AND BUSINESS INCENTIVES. HOWEVER, IN THE AREA OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK, LOANS IN THE ENERGY SECTOR REPRESENTS THE LARGEST POTENTIAL AND MOST PROMISING SOURCE OF ASSISTANCE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MACARIO SAW CGIL-PCI TIES AS ATTENUATED BUT STILL IMPORTANT. HE DISMISSED, HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY THAT PCI-CGIL WOULD OR COULD CALL STRIKES OR WORKER DEMONSTRATIONS WITHOUT THE AGREEMENT OF CISL-UIL. IN HIS VIEW, CGIL COULD NOT UNILATERALLY SHUT DOWN ITALIAN INDUSTRY. MACARIO ALSO DREW A DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE IMPORTANCE OF CGIL PARTICIPATION IN STRIKES--A NATIONAL, CLASS ACTION--AND MASS PCI DEMONSTRATIONS--A PARTY ACTIVITY. HE THOUGHT THE PARTY COULD ATTRACT MASS PARTICIPATION, INCLUDING THAT OF WORKERS MORE READILY THAN THE CGIL AS SUCH.

MARINI MADE HIS PREOCCUPATION WITH THE COMMUNISTS CLEAR IN QUESTIONS ON THE RED BRIGADES, THE NAPOLITANO VISIT AND U.S. VIEWS OF ITALIAN POLITICAL EVOLUTION. HE COMMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT PCI IS NOT RPT NOT SEEKING TO MAKE SHORT TERM POLITICAL HAY FROM MORO AFFAIR. THE PCI TAKES A STRATEGIC APPROACH OF POWER VIA THE HISTORIC COMPROMISE. IMMEDIATE POLITICAL-ECONOMIC SITUATION IS SO GRAVE THAT A PCI PUSH COULD AGGRAVATE PROBLEMS AND BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. THUS, ACCORDING TO MARINI, PCI WISHES AVOID PROVOKING EARLY ELECTIONS. DESTABILIZATION IS AGAINST ITS INTERESTS, SINCE IT UNDERSTANDS ITS FULL LEGITIMIZATION WILL REQUIRE HELPING SOLVE ITALIAN PROBLEMS AND TAKE TIME. ALL THREE MADE THEIR "THIRD WORLDISM" EVIDENT IN STRESSING THE NEED FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

DURING THE COURSE OF AN INFORMAL LUNCHEON CONVERSATION AT THE DEPARTMENT WITH DALE GOOD, S/IL, AND EUR OFFICERS DANIEL GOOTT, VITTORIO BROD AND HERBERT BAKER, THE CISL VISITORS DOWNPLAYED THE SUGGESTION OF CISL POLICY CONFLICTS WITH THE CGIL, ATTRIBUTING RECENT REPORTS OF DIFFERENCES WITH THAT ORGANIZATION ESSENTIALLY TO A QUESTIONING OF SOME OF LAMA'S TACTICS RATHER THAN TO ANY BASIC DISAGREEMENTS WITH THE CGIL AS AN ORGANIZATION.

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COMMENTING ON HIS OVERALL IMPRESSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, MACARIO REMARKED THAT HE HAS BEEN A PERPETUAL OPTIMIST. HOWEVER, NOW HE IS BECOMING MORE PESSIMISTIC ABOUT ITALY'S FUTURE AND THE ROLE OF THE U.S. AS A WORLD LEADER IN DEVELOPING SOLUTIONS TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS. LATER HE INDICATED THAT A UNITED EUROPE SHOULD BECOME MORE OF A THIRD FORCE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE

USSR.

6. THE ITALIAN EMBASSY LABOR COUNSELOR SUBSEQUENTLY INFORMED THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE CISL DELEGATION MEMBERS WERE PLEASED WITH THE RECEPTION THEY HAD RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON. VANCE

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